

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO TAPKARA HERPETOLOGY CENTRE

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for opening Tapkara Herpetology Centre in Jashpur forest division of Chhattisgarh has been received by the Union Government from the State Government of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, whether the said proposal has been cleared by the Union Government;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which said proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Chhattisgarh Forest Department has submitted a proposal for the establishment of an "Awareness Centre for Snakes" at Tapkara. Since, the proposal was not in conformity with the existing Schemes, state government has been requested to submit a proposal for in situ conservation of herpeto fauna.